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SUBJECT: PL-480 RICE, AT SAMAE SAN

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1. THE EMBASSY RECEIVED SPECIAL PERMISSION FROM THE ROYAL THAILAND GOVERNMENT (RTG) TO BRING INTO THAILAND THE RICE NOW STORED AT SAMAE SAN. PERMISSION TO IMPORT THE RICE WAS ONLY GIVEN AFTER EMBASSY HAD ASSURED THE RTG THAT THE U.S. RICE WOULD NOT REACH THE LOCAL MARKET AND WAS ONLY FOR AIRDROP TO CAMBODIA. THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY OF SELLING THE RICE FOR CONSUMPTION IN THAILAND. THE RTG MAY PROHIBIT OUR SELLING THE RICE WHILE IT IS IN THAILAND. IF RTG AGREES TO SALE OF RICE THEY WILL UNDOUBTEDLY REQUEST A GUARANTEE THAT IT NOT BE SOLD FOR USE IN ASIA OR SOUTHEAST ASIA, WHICH THEY CONSIDER NORMAL THAI RICE MARKETS.

2. THAILAND IS EXPECTING A RECORD RICE CROP IN 1975. THE RTG IS ALSO HOLDING MORE THAN 500,000 METRIC TONS OF UNSOLD RICE FROM THE 1974/75 CROP. THEREFORE, THE RTG MAY INSIST THAT WE RE-EXPORT THE RICE AT U.S. GOVERNMENT EXPENSE.

3. THE AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE LOOKED AT THE PL-480 RICE IN LATE
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AUGUST. AT THAT TIME THE RICE WAS BEGINNING TO TURN LIGHT

BROWN, ALMOST THE COLOR OF BROWN UNPOLISHED RICE. THE RICE IS STORED ON PALLETS IN A COVERED BUT OPEN-END SHED. BIRDS AND RODENTS HAVE OPENED A NUMBER OF THE BAGS. ANTICIPATE LOSS WILL BE FIVE (5) PERCENT OR MORE.

4. SATTAHIP, THE PORT A FEW MILES FROM WHERE THE RICE IS STORED, IS A NAVAL PORT AND CANNOT BE USED FOR COMMERCIAL SHIPMENTS. TRADERS BUYING THE RICE WOULD HAVE TO TAKE IT TO EITHER RAYONG, 35 MILES, OR CHON BURI, 50 MILES, THE CLOSEST PORTS. BOTH PORTS ARE SHALLOW WATER PORTS SO THE RICE WOULD HAVE TO BE PUT ON LIGHTERS FOR TRANSFER TO LARGER SHIPS. THE RTG WILL REQUIRE CUSTOMS GUARDS, AT THE EXPENSE OF THE BUYER, ON EACH TRUCK AND LIGHTER, TO ASSURE THE RICE IS EXPORTED.

5. WE HAVE CONTACTED MAJOR INTERNATIONAL GRAIN TRADERS REGARDING INTEREST IN BUYING 380 TONS OF RICE. COMPANIES CONSIDER QUANTITY TOO SMALL TO BOTHER WITH CONSIDERING TRANSPORTATION COSTS AND PAPER WORK INVOLVED IN MOVING RICE. NO COMPANY IS WILLING AT THIS TIME TO MAKE AN OFFER ON RICE.
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